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From the President

by Harvey Sussel

We have now returned to normal after a few days in Portland for our Regional Meeting and the Knighting of our own President Elect "Dame" Carol Promessi by the Rosarians of Portland. It was a beautiful "Rosarian Ceremony", done in the Grand Ballroom of the Governor Hotel instead of outside at Washington Park as in many past years. It was moved inside due to the high possibility of "rain". The ceremony however, was done with all the "pomp and circumstance" as though it were outdoors. However, it did not rain....then.

Our special thanks to the many Blue Gavel members who attended and also to the Rosarians for a nicely planned weekend. Other than "jet lag" going from west to east and a "red-eye flight", all should be coming back to normal.

We were all very pleased to welcome a new District into IOBG...District 27, which encompasses the Chesapeake Area in Maryland. Their five incoming IOBG Chapters and possibilities of more Yacht Clubs coming aboard, offer great hopes for growth of Blue Gavel in that area. Thanks to all the Blue Gavelers who participated in bringing "home" this new District and especially to P/C Bill Browning, coordinator for District 27. Welcome aboard !!

We are also pleased that the Regional IOBG Meeting on August 25 & 26, 2006 will be hosted by our new District 27 at the Bush River Yacht Club. Complete details, dates & etc. are included in this issue of the LOG. Don't wait for airfares to increase any more.....book your flights into BWI (Baltimore Airport) NOW !!!

One important issue to come out of the meeting in San Diego Regional Meeting held last February and continued at this Portland Regional meeting was the continuance of a resolution passed to cooperate and lend our assistance to an educational program with the United States Power Squadron (USPS) and their many Squadrons throughout the U.S.

You may not be aware but the State of New Jersey has PASSED a MANDATORY EDUCATIONAL requirement for all New Jersey boaters, effective June 2006. Current rules call for an 8 hour basic boating course. To be sure...this Legislation will take 3 years until it covers all the current New Jersey boaters, in sliding age requirements. Similar legislation can and probably will get to your state too. Be on the lookout for it ! Certified Boater Education could be a very necessary factor in creating more "safety" on our recreational water.

Presently, a watercraft is probably the only power vehicle you can purchase, put the key in the ignition and "go", without any kind of instruction or safety education. Somewhere, something is lacking in this equation. Maybe this will be somewhat of a solution.

The USPS, the oldest boating organization in the US, sees and recognizes this immediate educational need in New Jersey and future needs in other areas of our Blue Gavel representation. The feasibility of a cooperative effort involving IOBG and USPS is currently under consideration by both organizations. It is contemplated that the program, if implemented, will provide the means for interested USPS squadrons and yacht clubs to be geographically matched. Chapters, with the approval of our "International", would cooperate assisting USPS in their initial contacts with their own yacht clubs by introducing the educational concept to their club. It is hoped that the educational course(s) will be taught in participating yacht clubs to make it more convenient for boater-members to attend.

I have appointed IOBG District 20 Director Dave Meschulam as "liaison" between IOBG and USPS. Dave has been pursuing this concept for quite some time and will do all necessary to make this educational program "fly" for both IOBG and USPS. We need some feedback as to interest in such a project. Please contact Dave at DJMGEM@AOL.COM.

This boater educational concept is not new to some West coast areas and although it is not universally required yet, it may be in the future. Let's all look to the future to increased safety and an educated boater.

Minutes of the meeting will soon be on the IOBG web site. at [www. IOBG.ORG](http://www.IOBG.ORG). Check there for full details.

See y'all in August at the Regional Meeting in the Chesapeake Area at the Bush River Yacht Club, August 25 & 26. It is a great area to visit and to sightsee, and a new area for all of IOBG to visit.. There are many historical and interesting sights. One would be The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and many other historical landmarks. Plan a few extra days if you can, it will be well worth your time.



From the President Elect

by Carol Promessi

I was highly honored to be part of the Rosarian and Blue Gavel tradition of being knighted at the Royal Rosarian weekend of the Portland Rose Festival. I am most appreciative of those Blue Gavel members attending the weekend festivities and supporting the Rosarians and also our organization. This was truly an honor and the Rosarians outdid themselves once again in "Grand Style".

After emerging from our winter hibernations and winter doldrums, I was fortunate to enjoy the sunny outdoors in Southern California, and attend several Opening Days in Marina del Rey and Long Beach, to the Northwest attending Seattle Yacht Club for a very impressive Opening Day and then to Northern California to attend, So. Bay and Opening Day on the Bay. This gives me the opportunity to visit with many of the District Officers and meet new members as well. It is always great to renew friendships and enjoy the camaraderie.

I would like to take this opportunity and welcome our two new Chapters in the Chesapeake Bay Area, from District #50, which were approved at the Winter Regional Meeting in San Diego. The Otter Point Yacht Club is located in Abingdon, Maryland, which was established in 1948 with 106 members and 48 Past Commodores, and the Crescent Yacht Club located in Baltimore, Maryland, established in 1952 with 92 members and 50 Past Commodores. At the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland we also approved them as our new District #27. We look forward to meeting and visiting with many of the new members during our Summer Regional Meeting at the Bush River Yacht Club, in August. P/C Chuck Browning, President of the IOBG Chapter at the Bush River Yacht Club has been instrumental in obtaining these new Chapters, great to see this enthusiasm!!

At the Spring Regional Meeting we also approved Alum Creek Sailing Club/Association in Lewis Center, Ohio with 165 members and 11 Past Commodores, which is located in District #7.

In accordance with the IOBG Bylaws, nominations for elected office are now being accepted. Any member in good standing wishing consideration for an office is required to submit his or her request in writing to each member of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Past President Art Theobald, Chairperson, President Harvey Sussel and President Elect Carol Promessi.

We will be having our workshops Wednesday and Thursday at the Shoreline Yacht Club, which is located directly across from the Queen Mary. Elsewhere in this issue of The Log is the Calendar of Events and reservation form. Please feel free to pass this information onto any other member or guest that might be interested. We encourage officers of Yacht Clubs and members to attend the Annual Meeting.

Thank you to District #15 for a great Winter Regional Meeting in San Diego, sunny California wasn't very sunny, a little foggy and nippy but we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. Also, thank you for the participation from District #1 and #5 for our Spring Regional Meeting in Portland, where we enjoyed the sunshine and wonderful weather for the parade!

I thank you for the many new friendships and all of your support you have given me the past few years!



From the Second Vice President

by Jerry Rudd

I would like to thank the members of Mission Bay Yacht Club for a wonderful time and making space for our meetings, lunch and dinner. Southwestern Yacht Club hosted a lunch and an educational tour of San Diego Bay that included many remarkable points of interest. We learned of the US Navy's new protection surrounding their ships and saw its many piers and old seaplane ramps. We also saw the US Coast Guard's Fleet of hard bottom inflatable boats with machine guns in front. There are commercial shipbuilding and repair shops, cruise ship space, the aircraft carrier Midway for tourists, as well as many yacht clubs and public moorage. Fishing seemed to be a great past time in the harbor. As we were cruising back to our homeport Southwestern Yacht Club, the US Navy had to show off her size and mite by having a fleet carrier make its arrival



There were 15 members on each of the yachts escorting us around the bay, a special thank you to Captain Jim David, Captain Bill Doherty and Captain Bob Ehlers and Blue Gavel members who participated.

I have found a common thread between active chapters and districts; those that have fundraisers going on such as dinners, social and charitable work for local groups as well as our own Humanitarian Foundation, have a positive purpose and sense of camaraderie

Our June meeting was in Portland Oregon, June 8th. A good agenda was presented by President Harvey Sussel. There were three Area Vice Presidents in attendance. We talked about the summer meeting in Baltimore at the Bush River Yacht Club on the 25 & 26th of August. There is more information from Vice President Richard Janiszewski in his article.

President Elect Carol Promessi handed out the agenda for the Fall Annual Meeting on the Queen Mary and surrounding areas, more information in her article regarding the events and cost. She is hoping for a good turnout, not to mention the cruise to Mexico afterwards.

The IOBGA held there meeting on Thursday also, out of their workshop came some new ideas and changes for the future. They feel this will help with communication and get more people involved in their program. As we know the more enthusiastic IOBGA is the stronger the chapters and Districts are.

On Friday the 9th of June our President Elect Carol Promessi was Dame at the Knighting ceremony with the Rose "Touch of Class". Lots of pictures were taken, I am sure you will see some of them in the LOG. The rest of the events went well; it was a good time to meet with our group and talk about new ideas and have a great time with the Rosarians.

Looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore on August 25th

Blue Gravel Members remember this:

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.
by Bill Cosby.

*From the Office of the Treasurer
by Marshall Nemoy*



February 1, 2006

To: All Officer, Directors and Members
From: Marshall Nemoy, International Treasurer
Subject: Treasurer's Report

This report has been prepared for distribution and discussion at the winter Regional Meeting held Friday, February 3, 2006 at the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego, California.

Financial Statements

The financial statements presented in this report are as of December 31, 2005 and the year then ended. All statements except the balance sheet are presented in the budget comparison format. IOBG is organized into six operating activities. They are the International Operations Center, the Executive Committee, the Supply Officer function, the Annual Meeting, the Area Vice Presidents and *The Blue Gavel Log*. The financial results for each activity are discussed in this report.

Summary: The organization's total assets are \$6,959 lower than the same date last year. In addition, IOBG suffered a loss of \$2,738 primarily because we collected \$7,740 less dues (258 members) than in 2004. Overall expenses were \$9,381 less than budget but \$6,931 higher than last year. Printing costs are the most notable item where there was a significant budget over run.

International Operations Center: As noted above, dues collections were less than last year but only \$2,000 less than budget. Expenses in this area were \$77 greater than budget in spite of \$1,075 of legal fees for filing our trademark registrations.

Executive Committee: The committee's expenses were \$5,697 less than budgeted but \$5,934 greater than last year. The major portion of these variances centered on travel expenses. There was less absenteeism this year and travel costs have increased over 2004.

Supply Officer: The activity lost \$299 for the year which was \$799 below budget. The loss was, however, \$339 less than last year. The Executive Committee finally agreed in October to transfer the operation to Commodore Insignia. After the agreement was signed by both parties, the inventory was sold to Commodore Insignia on consignment which means we will collect the money as the inventory is sold.

Area Vice Presidents: The Area Vice Presidents, as a group, did not spend \$3,712 of their 2005 budget. Further, they spent \$1,703 less than last year. The reasons for the variances differ according to the individual involved.

Annual Meeting: The total cost of the event this year was \$4,068 less than budget. The primary reason was the hurricane and the cancellations that followed. The delegate travel allowance accounted for \$3,500 of the variance. Compared to 2004, we spent \$2,441 less this year.

The Blue Gavel Log: This activity had the single most notable variance. Printing was \$5,670 greater than budget and \$4,037 greater than last year. Overall, the activity was \$4890 over budget \$4,969 greater than last year. During the year there was a change in editors. The new editor took over for production of the September issue. The total cost for the September issue was \$1,020 less than the July issue. The cost of the December/January issue was \$826 less than the same issue a year ago. Mary Nye, the new editor, now does all the layout work at no cost to IOBG.

Membership Statistics

The attached report prepared on January 30, 2006 shows that the International has received dues for 1,034 members of which 681 were sent their membership cards and 350 were mailed on February 1.

It should be noted that, from time to time, some district treasurers claim our numbers are wrong. Everyone must recognize that there is a difference at the district level between dues received and dues sent to the International. We only process dues we receive.

2006 Membership Survey

After the good response from last year's survey, it was decided to send a shorter survey to all members paying their 2006 dues. This year there are only two questions, (1) do you agree with the reimbursement policies and (2) what do you expect from Blue Gavel for your dues money. The returns are coming in but the sample size is too small to draw any conclusions. There are, however some interesting trends. Those that agree with the reimbursement policies generally do not answer the second question. The majority of responses to the second question are in the form of a complaint instead of an expectation. And, lastly, generally, if the envelope does not have a return address, the second question contains a nasty complaint.

Treasurer's Report

February 1, 2006

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International Operations Center

Things are running smoothly for this time of year. Because of the large influx of dues payments, it may take us a little longer to process the dues payment and membership card. District treasurers should make every effort to communicate clearly such items as new members, new addresses and other information vital to keeping an accurate database.

When a batch of membership cards is mailed out, district treasurers are mailed a list of the cards printed and the date they were mailed from San Diego. Members who have not received their membership cards should check with their district treasurer first.

With the increase in postage rates, all of the returned *Blue Gavel Logs* cost more. It now cost us more than \$100 per issue to find out who has gone south for the winter, north for the summer or did not send us a change of address notice.

2005 was a very interesting year topped off by the Annual Meeting two days after the hurricane passed over the area. We have survived the political machinations of every type. What ever happened to the good of the order? One solution is to get the new past commodore to join IOBG. The districts ought to rethink their strategies as to how they take in new members. If 80% of the chapters brought in their most recent past commodore, we would not have a financial problem. Of course we must have something to "sell". What has your district done for your boating community lately? How have you enhanced the reputation of IOBG?

LOG Minutes

The Executive Committee, in response to suggestions to reduce the publishing cost of the Blue Gavel LOG, has decided not to print the Minutes in future issues of the LOG.

The minutes will now be available on the IOBG web site, www.iobg.org - or to request a set by mail, please contact:

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IOBG Summer Regional Meeting
August 25-27, 2006



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DIRECTIONS:

1. From Baltimore-Washington International Airport – go West on 1-195 W.
2. Merge onto MD-295 N. via Exit 2A toward Baltimore/ I-695
3. Merge onto HARBOR TUNNEL TRWY / I – 895 N (Portions toll).
4. HARBOR TUNNEL TRWY / I-895 N becomes I – 95N.
5. Merge onto MD – 24 S/EMMORTON ROAD
6. Turn Left onto Edgewood Road
7. Turn Right onto Van Bibber Rd.
8. End at Ramada Inn

Estimated time to Hotel – 36 minutes

Total distance – 31 miles

Rates: Rates are \$65 plus tax, single or double occupancy. Choice of king or two double beds per room.

PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AT 410-679-0770 or SEND RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL. Be sure to ask for International Order of the Blue Gavel SPECIAL rate.

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NAME _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ E-mail _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____ King Size Bed _____ Two Double Beds _____

To guarantee your reservations, please include a credit card number and all information. Phone reservations ASAP. The rate cannot be guaranteed after August 3, 2006. All cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

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2006 SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING
August 25-26, 2006

EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 24

3 pm Registration - Ramada Conference Center
Welcome at Bush River Yacht Club (you may go to Bush River YC whenever you arrive). Cash bar. Light refreshments and dinner available (steamed shrimp and burgers), or dinner on your own.

Friday, August 25

9 am – 1 pm IOBG Regional Meeting – Bush River Yacht Club (Coffee and Danish prior to meeting)
9:30 IOBGA Regional Meeting – Bush River Yacht Club (Coffee and Danish prior to meeting)
1 pm – 2 pm Lunch at Bush River Yacht Club (\$15.00 per person - Tax & Gratuity included)
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Ham, Potatoes Au gratin, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Green Beans Salad and Roll
Bush River YC pool available to those not continuing with meetings.
2 – 3:30 pm “For the Good of the Order” meeting – Bush River Yacht Club
4:30 – 5:30 Bus pick up at Ramada to Otter Point Yacht Club (no host cocktails)
5:30 – 9:00 Bus to Inner Harbor and return to Ramada.

Saturday, August 26

9 – 10 am Executive Committee Meeting – Ramada Conference Center
10:30 am Bus departs Ramada to Baltimore Yacht Club (lunch)
12 – 1 pm Lunch at Baltimore Yacht Club (\$22.00 per person - Tax & Gratuity included)
Ham, Turkey, Assorted Breads, Salads, Chips, Iced Tea, Make your own Sundae Open Bar
1:30 pm Bus departs to Belvedere Yacht Club
3 pm – 4 pm Cocktails (cash) and hors d’ouvres
5 – 9:30 pm Bus departs to Blue Lagoon Restaurant for dinner (\$32.50/person - Tax & Gratuity included)
Choice of:
Two 8 oz. Broiled Crab Cakes
16 oz. NY Strip Steak & 8 oz. Crab Cake
Chicken Chesapeake
Broiled Flounder
10 oz. Filet Mignon
All entrees served with a side salad, two vegetables (string beans, rice, corn, baked potato, or garlic mashed potato), coffee, tea or soda.

Sunday, August 27

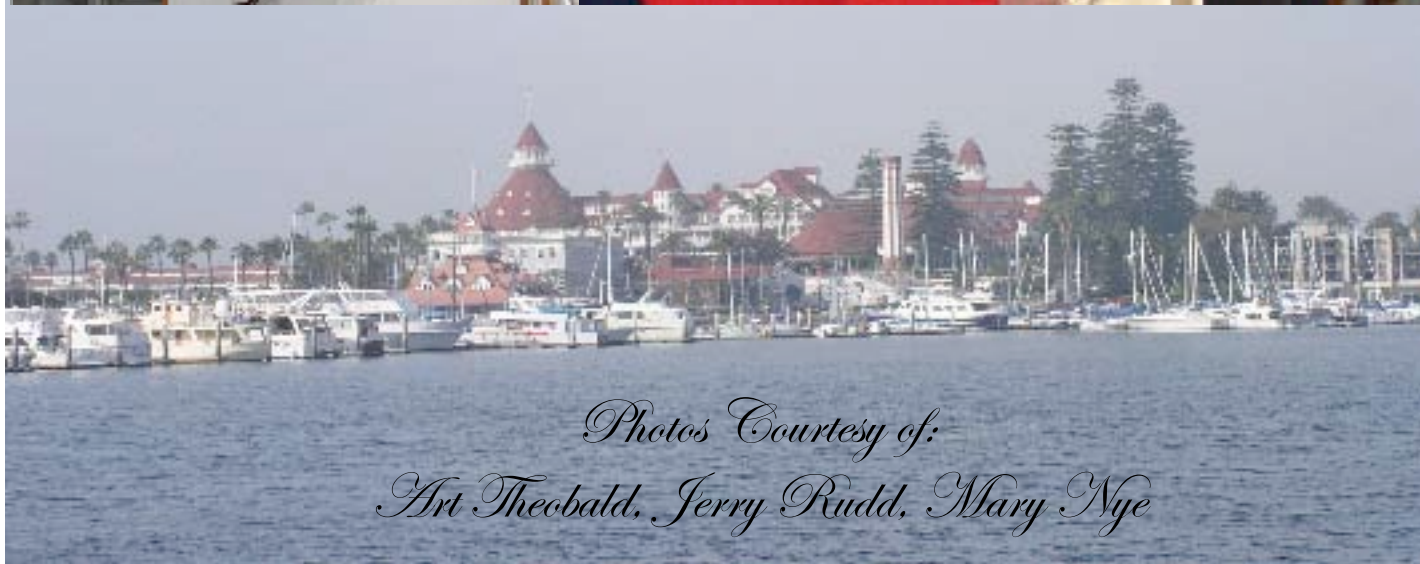
12 – 3 pm United States Navel Academy self tour. Annapolis is approximately 30 miles north of the Ramada. The cost is \$7.50 per person or \$6.50 for senior citizens. Photo ID is required. Directions and full information can be obtained at the Conference.

For assistance or reservations, please contact: PC Karen Anderson
5 Pine Lane
North East, Maryland 21901-6201
Telephone: (410) 287-6934 or e-mail kanderson@chesapeakeisle.org

Checks are payable to **Karen Anderson**. “Events” reservations by August 8th would be very helpful.



Winter
Regional Meeting
San Diego, CA



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2006 Annual Meeting

October 25th – 28th

The Queen Mary is more than a hotel; she is a legend. She is the grandest ocean liner ever built. During her illustrious career, she has played many roles, from elegant ocean liner to World War II troopship. In her heyday, the rich and famous considered a trans-Atlantic crossing aboard the Queen Mary the only civilized way to travel.

Now, more than 65 years after embarking on her Maiden Voyage, the allure of this Art Deco masterpiece remains timeless.

Stay in an original Art Deco stateroom and transport yourself back in time. Explore the engine room, wheelhouse and many exciting attractions and exhibits. Stroll along the decks overlooking the Long Beach skyline; dine in one of the award-winning, harborview restaurants; and purchase treasures in the unique shops aboard as well as ashore.

Considered the crown jewel of Southern California, the Queen Mary has emerged a favorite attraction, hotel, meeting facility and world-class destination.

The Queen Mary is centrally located in Long Beach, between Orange County and downtown Los Angeles. The convenient Passport Shuttle is available to the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, the Long Beach Convention Center, Pine Avenue, Shoreline Village and Belmont Shore.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Annual Meeting,



International Order of the Blue Gavel

2006 Annual Meeting

October 25th - 28th

Long Beach, California Then and Now

Before Hollywood became famous as the world's motion picture capital, there was Long Beach. Such famous people such as W.C. Fields, Buster Keaton, Fatty Arbuckle and others that made this city their home populated the streets and boardwalks of Long Beach. This was the birthplace of the film industry.

The city's movie business began in 1910 when J. Searle Dawley came west from New York to shoot films for the Edison Company. Cheap land, great climate and abundant sunlight convinced Dawley to establish his studio in Long Beach. For more than 10 years, movie making was Long Beach's single largest industry.

Although Long Beach is no longer a home for a major studio, the city has remained a popular location with filmmakers, television and video producers. Many films have been shot here including Casablanca, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Operation Petticoat, Forty Pounds of Trouble, It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, Lethal Weapon, An Innocent Man, Speed, True Lies, and many more.

Long Beach is centrally located in the heart of Southern California, and is approximately 25 miles south of the city of Los Angeles, on the Pacific Ocean. The city is nearly 100 square miles, and is the 5th largest city in the state of California, with an average temperature of 74 degrees.

One of the main attractions of Long Beach is the Aquarium of the Pacific, which is one of the biggest aquariums in the entire country. Home to more than 12,500 ocean animals, representing nearly 1,000 species, the Aquarium celebrates the planet's largest and most diverse body of water: the Pacific Ocean. Featuring 19 major habitats and 32 focus exhibits; the Aquarium of the Pacific is a world-class aquarium, exploring the waters of Southern California and Baja, the Northern Pacific, and the Tropical Pacific. In addition to the three main galleries highlighting the major regions of the Pacific, the Aquarium features three major exhibitions.

The next best thing to being in Italy is taking a romantic gondola cruise through the canals of Long Beach's Naples Island. The friendly Gondoliers will skillfully glide you along your adventure as you relax with a basket of French bread, cheese, salami, and any beverage that you decide to bring with you. Or you can take an electric boat and enjoy Long beach's inland waterways through Naples Island or around Alamitos Bay.

Of course island hopping at nearby Catalina Island is fantastic!! You can easily journey 26 miles across the sea to Catalina Island and back in just a day. It's the ultimate one-day getaway, or spend a night or two!

Experience the Island's "outback" in a comfortable, all-terrain, open air, 12 passenger Mercedes Unimog, You can visit the American Bald Eagle and the Catalina Island Fox habitats at Middle Ranch, then an off-road adventure continues up out of Middle Ranch Canyon via Cape Canyon to an elevation of 1,300 feet where you will enjoy spectacular views of the island. Or you can go 10 miles into the protected wilderness to see deep canyons, quiet coves and beautiful vistas. Or you can drive the 32-mile tour on the Pacific side to the El Rancho Escondido, where you'll see prize winning Wrigley Arabian horses. Explore the trophy and saddle room; see historic carriages, rare photos and memorabilia.

The world-famous landmark is Avalon's Art Deco Masterpiece, the beautiful Casino with its extraordinary Art Deco murals and classic 1929 theater pipe organ, then to the beautiful, world famous Casino Ballroom. And of course you can take the Avalon scenic 7-mile tour along the beachfront, up the hillsides and through the heart of the friendly town.

Then of course there is shopping at Belmont Shores!!! Enjoy!

2006 Annual Meeting

October 25-28, 2006

Winter Uniform



The Queen Mary
1126 Queens Highway
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 435-3511



Wednesday, October 25, 2006: Guests arrive & register. Welcome to Long Beach!
Dinner will be served at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, nautical dress.

Thursday, October 26, 2006: IOBG Workshop and discussion will be held at the Shoreline Yacht Club and lunch will also be served. IOBGA will visit The Aquarium of the Pacific. Off to Huntington Harbour Yacht Club where you will enjoy a cocktail cruise of the area, dinner and dancing at the Yacht Club, nautical dress.

Friday, October 27, 2006: IOBG Pre Meeting discussion and lunch at the Shoreline Yacht Club. IOBGA and IOBGHF will also meet at the Yacht Club. Hospitality and dinner will be served at Shoreline Yacht Club, nautical dress.

Saturday, October 28, 2006: IOBG Annual Meeting and Election will be held in The Royal Salon, which is located on the Promenade Deck. The IOBGA Annual Meeting and Election will be held in Mauretania Room located on the Main Deck. The joint luncheon will be held in The Windsor Salon on "R" Deck. The Grand Ball and Installation of Officers will be located in the Queen's Salon on the Promenade Deck, formal attire.

Sunday, October 29, 2006: The Fall Regional Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM in The Board Room, which is located on the Promenade Deck, casual dress.

The Queen Mary is located at the south end of the 710 Freeway, on the water in Long Beach. Below you will find airports serving this area and also Super Shuttle service to the Queen Mary.

From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

Take the 405 Freeway south to the 710 Freeway south (23 miles).
Super Shuttle - \$17.00

From John Wayne International Airport (SNA)

Take the 405 Freeway north to the 710 Freeway south (25 miles).
Super Shuttle - \$35.00

From Long Beach Airport (LGB)

Take the 405 Freeway north to the 710 Freeway south (8 miles).
Super Shuttle - \$17.00

For each additional passenger is \$9.00 per person from any of the above airports. Please call and schedule your reservations before arriving at the airport, (800) 258-3826.

Annual Meeting Order Form

The Queen Mary

1126 Queens Highway

Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 435-3511

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NO. PERSONS</u>	<u>EVENT COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Wednesday, October 25th</u>				
Registration	2:00 – 5:00			
Dinner – Seal Beach Yacht Club	6:00 – 10:00	___@	\$26.00	\$_____
<u>Thursday, October 26th</u>				
Registration	8:00 – 5:00			
Continental Breakfast Shoreline YC	8:00		N/C	
District Directors & Area VPs Round Table Discussion	9:00 – 11:30			
IOBGA – Aquarium of The Pacific Admission, Lunch & Tour	TBA	___@	\$35.00	\$_____
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00	___@	\$14.00	\$_____
District Directors Area VPs Round Table (continued)	1:00 – 3:00			
Huntington Harbour Yacht Club Cocktail Cruise, Dinner & Dancing -Nautical dress	5:00 – 10:00	___@	\$23.00	\$_____
<u>Friday, October 27th</u>				
Registration	8:00 – 12:00			
Continental Breakfast Shoreline YC	8:00		N/C	
IOBG Pre Meeting Discussion	9:00 – 11:30			
IOBGA Pre Meeting Discussion	9:00 – 11:30			
Joint Lunch -Speaker	12:00 – 1:30	___@	\$14.00	\$_____
IOBGHF Meeting	1:30 – 2:30			
Shoreline Yacht Club Cocktails	6:00			
Dinner/Dancing Dress- Nautical dress	7:00 – 10:00	___@	\$15.00	\$_____
<u>Saturday, October 28th</u>				
Registration	8:00 – 9:00			
IOBG Annual Meeting	9:00 – 11:30			
IOBGA Annual Meeting	9:00 – 11:30			
Joint Lunch Speaker	12:00 – 1:30	___@	\$27.00	\$_____
IOBG Annual Meeting	1:30 – 2:30			
Grand Ball (Formal Dress)				
No Host Cocktails	6:00 – 7:00			
Dinner and Dancing	7:00 – 12:00	___@	\$65.00	\$_____
Installation of Officers				
<u>Sunday, October 29th</u>				
IOBG Fall Regional Meeting	9:00 – 9:30			

UNIFORM: Winter Uniform

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	<u>No. of Persons</u>	<u>Event Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Wednesday, October 25th</u>			
Dinner & Music, Seal Beach Yacht Club (Prime Rib)	_____@	\$26.00	\$ _____
Vegetarian	_____@	\$26.00	\$ _____
<u>Thursday, October 26th</u>			
IOBGA, Aquarium of The Pacific	_____@	\$35.00	\$ _____
Lunch, Shoreline Yacht club	_____@	\$14.00	\$ _____
Cocktail Cruise and Dinner & Music			
Huntington Harbour Yacht club (Baby Back Ribs/chicken)	_____@	\$23.00	\$ _____
Vegetarian	_____@	\$23.00	\$ _____
<u>Friday, October 27th</u>			
Joint Lunch, Shoreline Yacht Club	_____@	\$14.00	\$ _____
Dinner, Shoreline Yacht club (choice of)			
Vegetarian	_____@	\$15.00	\$ _____
Prime Rib	_____@	\$15.00	\$ _____
Salmon	_____@	\$15.00	\$ _____
Pork Medallions	_____@	\$15.00	\$ _____
<u>Saturday, October 28th</u>			
Joint Lunch, Queen Mary, Windsor Salon	_____@	\$27.00	\$ _____
Dinner and Dancing, Queen's Salon			
Vegetarian – Black Pepper Linguine	_____@	\$65.00	\$ _____
New York Steak Mushrooms, Onions & Green Peppercorn Cream Sauce	_____@	\$65.00	\$ _____
Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken with Alaskan Crab & Asparagus Tips	_____@	\$65.00	\$ _____

IOBG CONVENTION 2006
Welcome To Long Beach, California

For air travel, use either Long Beach International Airport, John Wayne International Airport or Los Angeles International Airport. The Queen Mary Hotel will be offering a special rate of **\$139.00** single and double occupancy. Please call the Hotel direct for stateroom reservations at (562) 435-3511, before September 15, 2006. When making reservations please mention that you are part of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Further information will be available at www.iobg.org

It is very pleasant this time of year and normally we have our Indian summer.
 Casual nautical attire will be appropriate in the evening.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "IOBG 2006" AND SEND THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:
P/C Phil Promessi
128 Pelican Loop
Pittsburg, CA 94565

District Number _____ Office Held _____

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE: () _____

Spouse/Guest is a member of IOBG _____ IOBGA _____

Function Amount Submitted: \$ _____
 Add \$15.00 for transportation per person \$ _____
 Add \$30.00 for transportation per couple \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: \$ _____

Your Reservation must be received No Later Than October 15, 2006



International Order of the Blue Gavel

Cruise to Mexico with fellow boaters immediately following the '06 Annual Convention and Meeting!



7 Day Cruise Aboard

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"Fun Ships"*

Carnival

PRIDE

October 29, 2006

7 Day Mexican Riviera



\$75.00 Shipboard Credit per cabin, Champagne and Chocolates in each cabin, & Cocktail Party Included!



PORTS OF CALL:

- 3 DAYS AT SEA
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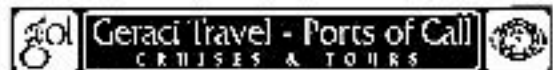
- ROUND TRIP LONG BEACH, CA
- PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
- CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

Cabins & Pricing

Inside	Cat 4A	\$626	Per Person, Double Occupancy
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Outside	Cat 6A	\$776	Per Person, Double Occupancy
Balcony	Cat 8A	\$876	Per Person, Double Occupancy
Balcony	Cat 8B	\$926	Per Person, Double Occupancy
Balcony	Cat 8C	\$936	Per Person, Double Occupancy

- Deposit of \$25 Per Person Due by 11/9/2005
- Deposit of \$250 Per Person Due by 6/1/2006
- Reservations after 6/2/2006 require a full deposit of \$350 per person.
- Final Payment due by 8/15/2006

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(800) 741-0112

4307 Del Prado Blvd.; Cape Coral, FL 33904

From the Legal Officer

by George C. Knies

I submitted a Copyright Infringement Notice to California-Newport Bullion Sales, Costa Mesa, California on March 14, 2006 for illegal use of our IOBG burgee and name on their web site and sales brochures. Within a week of posting said notice via United States Postal Service all said illegal use of our "marks" were expunged from their electronic and printed catalogs.

Effective December 31, 2005 COMMODORE INSIGNIA, Gardnerville, Nevada was granted license to utilize our trademarks on all associated IOBG merchandise including; collar insignia, name badges, epaulettes, shirts, ties, belts, sleeve insignia and clothing items. IOBG retained items that are normally provided free-of-charge to its members, such as brochures. IOBG will only provide stationery to officers who normally receive such supplies free-of-charge. COMMODORE INSIGNIA has the right to sell stationery to all other members.

Our membership should be ever vigilant for illegal use of our trademarks by individuals, organizations and companies utilizing our trademarks for financial or public benefit. Said unauthorized use left unchallenged may cause us contractual conflicts as well as potential public embarrassment.

I have received inquires from some of our Districts concerning the use of our "marks" (advertising and programs) for local events, i.e. Opening Day Regattas, Racing Events, Charity causes, etc. As members of IOBG you have the discretion to use our "marks" in the best interests of IOBG, your District and your Club, however; only the Executive Committee is empowered to authorize commercial use of our "marks". Any unauthorized use thereof may place IOBG in jeopardy with those commercial enterprises that are licensed providers of IOBG merchandise and supplies.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions in this regard now or in the future.



SUPPLY OFFICER

1380 Centerville Lane #32
 Gardnerville, NV 89410-9715
 (800) 315-7485
 www.commodoreinsignia.com

The Executive Committee voted to accept the proposal from Commodore Insignia to take over the Supply Officer function for IOBG. The details have been worked out and a contract prepared by our Legal Officer.

Commodore Insignia is owned by Blue Gavel member, Earl Hohlmayer. He has a very established business, deals with many yacht clubs, the U.S. Power Squadron and has been the supplier of our crossed burgee pocket patch for many years. The company maintains a web site, www.commodoreinsignia.com, where orders may be placed.

Commodore Insignia will sell to district supply officers at discounted prices only to those districts that have supply officers. The IOBG Treasurer will provide a list of district supply officers to Commodore Insignia. Members of districts that do not have a supply officer such as Districts 50 and 51, will be able to order directly from Commodore Insignia but will pay a retail price for the merchandise. Membership lists for districts without supply officers will be supplied to Commodore Insignia by the IOBG Treasurer.

Commodore Insignia is the only company authorized to sell merchandise with the IOBG trademarked logo. You are urged to support this venture and have some patience during the transition. In the long run it will be good for all of us.

COMMODORE INSIGNIA

1380 Centerville Lane, #32
 Gardnerville, NV 89410
 Telephone: (775) 782-3380 – (800) 315-7485
 Fax: (775) 782-4003
 Email: Comsignia@aol.com
 Web: www.commodoreinsignia.com

IOBG Blazer emblems are authorized for sale by Commodore Insignia. These emblems have the Blue Gavel Burgee on the left staff and the Commodore's club on the right staff. They are available in a white or black background and the price is \$30.00 each, 2-4 \$24.00 each, and 5 and up \$21.00 each, plus shipping and tax.

BLAZER EMBLEMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE AUXILIARY

To order: Send this order form with a color sample of club burgee (business card or letterhead - we may have burgee on file) to Commodore Insignia. You can telephone your order using (800)-315-7485 or our Fax: (775) 782-4003.

Quantity		Navy Blue	Black	White	Unit Price	Total
	IOBG Blazer Emblem					
	Auxiliary Blazer Emblem					

Please Print

I am a paid up member of IOBG District # _____ Yacht Club _____ Year _____
 IOBGA District # _____

Signature _____ Ship to: _____

The above will be verified. _____

Member will be billed for emblems when shipped. _____



District News

Northwestern

Districts 1-2-4-5-24

Mike Parish

Northwestern Vice President

Opening Day for greater Seattle has come and gone. We were happy to have International President Elect Carol Promessi and her husband Phil in attendance this year. Unfortunately, I had to miss the event due to family commitments in California.

I have spoken with all of my Districts and it seems to be the same news from all of them. Everyone seems to be having problems maintaining membership. All but District #1 seem to have problems setting up meetings for members to attend.

Districts 2,5, and 24 have not held any meetings so far this year but 24 will be hosting the Okanagan Invasion September 8-10, 2006. All of the details are still being worked out but after a short meeting on Friday night the rest of the weekend is spent socializing and having fun. Several members from District #1 are already planning to attend again this year. We have also had members from District #5 attend in the past.

District #4 held their Winter meeting again in conjunction with the Sports and Boat Show. Tickets to the boat shows are distributed by District #4 and they seem to have a good attendance at each meeting. The outlined the activities for this year's "Hands Across the Border" function. Unfortunately, the main attraction for this event, the ferry, went out of business and the event was cancelled.

I will be traveling to Alaska this summer and hope to be able to visit a few yacht clubs there.



District 4
Ron Defieux, President

For many years we have been looking for a worthwhile program to sponsor and promote marine related activities. Thanks to the Junior Sailing Director of Eagle Harbour Yacht Club, of which I am Past Commodore, we are participating in the education and advancement of knowledge in seamanship and the love of sailing as a lifetime skill for underprivileged

children. This program which we are calling "A Gift of Sailing" is already underway and three North Vancouver community organizations have already nominated a number of candidates to take sailing lessons under the direction of EHYC. The Yacht Club already has a foundation to provide some of the funding and we are going to support this scholarship program on a trial basis with funding from District #4.

Our Our A.G.M. will be held in October and we will e reporting on the success of the program at that time. It is our hope that this will be a very rewarding opportunity that all Blue Gavel members will be happy to support.

BLUE GAVEL CANADA "A Gift of Sailing" ENDOWMENT Proposal:

- PURPOSE:** To promote, educate and advance the knowledge of sailing as a lifetime skill for underprivileged children.
- FUNDING:** Members of yacht clubs, either through a portion of dues or by individual donation.
- PROGRAM:** Certain member clubs already teach Canadian yachting courses and they will be asked to participate along the lines of the curriculum already in place at Eagle Harbour Yacht Club.
- ROLES:** Blue Gavel Canada will administer the program with appointed executives providing financial details throughout the year.



District News

North Central

Districts 7-9-23-25

Don Krale

North Central Vice President

To begin my tenure as Area Vice President, I made it a point to contact the Directors of Districts 7, 9, 23 and 25. This contact was through a phone conversation basically to introduce myself to these gentlemen and also as an ice-breaker. As I had anticipated in all instances the conversation was congenial and beneficial to myself and hopefully to the Directors as well. I sincerely look forward to working with each of them. I will be seeing each of them personally as I travel to each of their locals.

District 7 activities will commence for the 2006 season with their participation in the Annual Commemoration of the Memorial Day services. This service is held annually at the Cleveland Lakefront, aboard the World War II submarine USS COD which is permanently anchored in the harbor as a memorial to those who served in that infamous conflict. This annual service also recognizes the deceased members of the various Boating Organizations throughout the area. The Greater Cleveland Boating Association is in charge of this memorial event, which took place this year on Monday, May 29th.

Another major event which is jointly sponsored by Districts 7, 9, 23 and 25 is the annual reception, in Honor of the Commodore of the Inter-lake yachting Association, which is held each year at Put-In-Bay, Ohio in Lake Erie, during the Annual Regatta. This year the celebration will take place on July 29, 2006.

I am preparing my travel throughout the North Central Area and would welcome an itinerary of functions which are planned for your particular Districts and Chapters for the 2006 boating season.

Until next quarter...good health, smooth sailing and a safe boating season to all.

District 9
Damian Pflieger, District Director

District 9 held our Spring Meeting on Sunday April 9th at Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club. We were welcomed by Commodore John Brewer and Vice Commodore Hope McLeod.

We discussed and approved the recipients of our 2006 Humanitarian Fund Raising efforts. They will be the "Fishing has no Boundaries" program, this is an event put on by the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. This event offers people with disabilities two days of fishing on Lake Erie. Another recipient will be a new Junior Powerboat program. This is an opportunity for young people, in two age groups, to learn seamanship and safety in powerboats.

Pat Graven (District 7) from the International Humanitarian Foundation spoke about the current status and intentions of the Foundation.

District 9 has purchased a "Welcome" banner to be displayed at Yacht Club events in the District. The idea is to expose IOBG to more people and show our support for the clubs and events.

It was decided to invite the 2006 Commodores to our fall meeting in October. This will be an introduction to Blue Gavel in hopes they will seek membership as they become Past Commodores.

On a sad note, District 9 lost a District Vice President. P/C Bob Clark served 3 years as VP. He died suddenly in March.



District News

Northeastern

Districts 3-12-20-22-26

Marc Connelly

Northeastern Vice President

District 3

Lewis Smith, District Director

Summer sprung into western New York with a delightful cruise aboard the Grand Lady on the Niagara River. Gen Dobmeier, President and the other officers of the Auxillary have done a wonderful job of arranging social events and fundraising for District 3.

Our executive board has met on several occasions and arrangements for a sailing party at Tuscarora Yacht Club on Lake Ontario were finalized. The District will also support an interclub party at the Buffalo Launch Club.

Our support of the Excalibur Foundation of Buffalo continues. Excalibur is purchasing a new boat to perpetuate their program that provides free access to Lake Erie fishing and boating to the handicapped.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Eugene V. Leslie, Buffalo Yacht Club's Past Commodore and IOBG member. Joining BYC in the early 1960's, Gene was an active sailor in the Highlander Fleet 25 and co-chaired the National Highlander Regatta in 1977. Until recently, Gene enjoyed racing his 27ft Catalina on Abino Bay.

District 20

Dave Meshulam, District Director

Congratulations to the Raritan Yacht Club. The club is 100 years young this summer. All members and IOBG Past Commodores are invited to the festivities

Legislation passed in January that in the state of New Jersey, all New Jersey boaters must obtain certification by the Sate Police. To become certified each boater must take an approved course with 8 hours of instruction. All boaters will need to be certified by June 2009, with the requirement being phased in gradually.

No one is to be grandfathered in, however, anyone that can show ownership of a vessel for 7 years may take an "Experienced Boater" test and if they pass, will be certified without taking the course. If they fail the one time test, they must take the course.

District 26

John Thompson, President

The summer boating season is in full swing and the members and their respective yacht clubs are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer. Many of our District 26 yacht clubs have activities planned for the summer.

On June 4th the Blue Gavel members of the Mount Sinai Y.C. held their 9th Annual Rib Dinner. It was attended by approximately 120 people who were treated to an afternoon of food and good times. The MSYC chapter puts this affair on to raise funds to pay for the annual IOBG dues and to finance other worthy projects at their yacht club. In recent years the members donated a beautiful weather station to the yacht club for the enjoyment and information which enhances the boating experience for their fellow yacht club members.

Other activities around the district include a Clambake (August 5th) and Novemberfest (November 18th) at the Sayville Yacht Club. The Harlem Yacht Club is having Harlem Day & Hawaiian Night (August 13th), Octoberfest (September 30th) and the Halloween Party (October 28th). Mount Sinai Yacht Club is having their annual Clam Bake (August 19th) and breakfast the next morning, the Brad Amato Regatta (September 9th), Fish Bake (September 16th) and the Filet Mignon Dinner (September 30th). Anyone interested must contact the Blue Gavel Delegate from the respective club for prior reservations and information on any of these events.

The members of District 26 wish all their fellow IOBG yacht clubs and their members a safe and happy boating season on and off the water.



District News

Southwestern

Districts 6-10-11-14-15-16-19-21

Bill Thayer

Southwestern Vice President

Opening Days pretty much consume the month of March, April and May. There are 61 Opening Day celebrations in the Southwestern Area. Opening Day on the Bay along San Francisco's northern shoreline and Opening Day in the South Bay are both attended by members of District 14 and District 19. From Morrow Bay to Channel Islands are represented by District 16, Westlake Village to Santa Monica Bay are represented by District 11, Los Angeles to Huntington Harbor are represented by District 10, Newport Beach to Dana Point are represented by District 21, Hawaii represented by District 6 and Oceanside to Coronado are represented by District 15. Once all the dates are penciled in and the glitches were ironed out, Marybeth and I represented many celebrations starting with Navy Yacht Club San Diego in early March and ending up with Catalina Island Yacht Club and Coronado Yacht club at the end of May.

Highlights from the Opening Days:

District 6 members were clearly visible during Opening Day celebrations in Hawaii during February. This is especially significant as many of the members live on the mainland. District President Sue Roach reported a slight crimp in their activities calendar due to "40 days and 40 nights" of rain, still they are very active outings and charitable activities. District 10 inducts new members at Opening Days and did very well this year. The introduction letter authored and read by District Vice President Jill Calhoun on the "Why Blue Gavel" before inducting the Jr Staff Commodore was pure excellence. I am still trying to get a copy. District Director Anne Fox inducted Catalina Island Yacht Club's Jr Staff Commodore at Opening Day on the Island. A great ceremony in a beautiful setting.

Marybeth and I attended on Vice Commodore M. L. Buck's invitation, traveling over and back by ferry, as we had to attend Coronado Yacht Club the next morning. Hunting Harbour Yacht Club's Opening Day and swearing in by District President George Demos is always a treat and the boat parade is always a must for all attendees. Due to a very bad cold and a persistent nurse, I missed District 11's Marina del Rey weekend, but President Elect Carol Promessi held the flag high by inducting Del Rey Yacht Club's Jr Staff Commodore. District 15's ceremonies continue on schedule and as this is my district, nothing ever surprises me. There were a couple tongue tied Commodores but two very alert Jr Staff Commodores smoothed things over. District 14's "Opening Days on the Bay" Mardi Gras Parade" on San Francisco's north shore expected 250 boats for the boat parade. WOW! District 16's Opening Days weekend in Channel Islands is the same weekend as my own club. I have attended Channel Islands in the past and it is a fabulous weekend with plenty of parking everywhere. District 21's Opening Days are always fun times. Marybeth and I took our boat, WILAKUK V to Dana Point for the weekend and flew my burgee and cocktail flag at the guest docks and were open for Bloody Marys Saturday morning before the boat parade.

A lowlight on Opening Days, Two Yacht Clubs did not have deviled eggs.

The Annual Meeting/Convention aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach during late October has been and will be well publicized. At the Winter Regional meeting President Elect Carol Promessi stated that host District 10 would need some help from other districts. This is being accomplished and I will hold a roundtable discussion on August 5th at Shore Line Yacht Club of Long Beach from 1 PM to 4 PM. for District Directors, Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Treasurers. This will also be a finalizing and coordinating the help that is needed as the President Elect will be in attendance.



Bill Thayer, SWVP continued...

Marybeth and I have been attending social events and meetings in the area and are talking to the membership on any subject they wish to discuss. District 11's Hawaiian Holiday Omelet Brunch was a good turnout of District 11 members and some District 10. District President Jon Robbins was, as usual, on the omelet pan with fresh crab as the main ingredient. The Windy-cues are underway on June 13 with two more to go. Marybeth and I attended the Spring Regional Meeting in Portland

We will be attending District 15's Membership appreciation Day June 24th at Mission Bay Yacht club, District 19's Membership Appreciation Day July 23rd at Discovery Bay Yacht Club, District 11's Bahia Corinthian luncheon July 15th and District 14's CHISPA/Youth regatta on Clipper Bay hosted by Treasure Island Yacht Club. We are getting ready for the Summer Regional Meeting at Bush River Yacht Club in Abington Maryland. This is new district.

District 6
Sue Roach, President

District 6 members were clearly visible during the island's Opening Day celebrations in February, including several of our "snow-bird" members from the Mainland.



Fifteen members took a whale watch tour on the Star of Honolulu, and had a wonderful lunch and cruise - but didn't see any whales. True to their word, the Star offered rain checks for everyone to try another cruise. We were also scheduled to tour the Oahu Civil Defense facilities at Diamond Head in March, but our "40 days and 40 nights" of rain resulted in the Civil defense folks being just a tad too busy. We've cancelled, and hope to reschedule later in the year. We did have a very interesting tour of the Central Identification Lab (the world's largest forensic anthropology lab) at Hickam AFB, followed by lunch at the Sea Breeze restaurant.

In June many of our members supported the Hawaii Yacht Club's Goodwill fishing tournament for physically and mentally challenged young adults, as well as a \$200 donation to Goodwill Industries. The photo is District 6 President Sue Roach presenting check to Goodwill Industries' Laura Robinson, President of Goodwill Industries of Hawaii.



The summer season brings West Marine Pacific Cup activities (and parties!) in July, and in August we have scheduled a celestial and Polynesian navigation program at the local planetarium.

District 6 members said fond Aloha to well known yachtsman and IOBG member, GRAHAM JOHN "KIWI" ALBRECHT, 69, of Kaneohe, who died Jan. 6, 2006. "Kiwi", as he was affectionately known, was Past Commodore of Kaneohe Yacht Club, Kaneohe, Hawaii, and a Past District Director of District 6, I.O.B.G. Kiwi was very active in fundraising for the Junior Sailing program. He took great pride in the fact that he set a record for money raised the year he chaired the Seafest event, which supports all Hawaii yacht clubs' youth sailing programs. We will miss our shipmate deeply, but we take comfort in knowing he is in a far better place. Aloha Kiwi!

District 11
Wilma Rosenberg, District Director

I want to thank you for renewing your membership for 2006. If you've overlooked it, please send your annual dues to our District 11 Treasurer, Rosalie Davis-Green.

At Installations, and Opening Days we have been installing new members into IOBG. If there are any Past Commodores out there who you think would like to participate and join, please let us know.

In January, Gary, Rosalie, and myself attended the Winter Regional Meeting in Mission Bay, California. The meeting was an opportunity to learn, and meet other Past Commodores from all over the US. It was a worthwhile weekend.

Please mark your calendar for Oct 25-29th for the IOBG Annual Convention. It will be right here in southern California at the Queen Mary, and local yacht clubs in that area. You can make reservations by calling 562-435-3511. Mention the IOBG rate of \$139 a night. District 11 will be helping International President Elect, Carol Promessi with the event (registration, decorations, entertainment, transportation, and monetary donations). If you would like to help at this event, let me know. Hope that lots of Past Commodores from District 11 will go to this event in Long Beach.

District 14

Rich Ahlf, District Director

On Feb. 4, 2006 we had our Change of Watch, it was originally scheduled for January 7th at Treasure Island Yacht club, but our district director George Knies was out of town. Therefore, we changed our Change Of Watch to Island Yacht Club for February 4th. On this date Island Yacht Club was having there annual crab feed run by yours truly. Now if you've never been to a crab feed, you have to realize that being dressed in your best Blue Gavel attire, is not really a good idea; especially if your in charge. In my estimation a crab feed is equivalent to an organized food fight.

George Knies, our District Director for the past two years and is helping out with supply officer duties, has moved on to be Blue Gavel's Legal Officer and I will be District 14 District Director. Coming in as President will be Lynette Harter Breed who is a Past Commodore of Island Yacht Club and now is a member of Sequoia Yacht Club in Redwood City. Our Vice President is Linda Newland who is also a Past Commodore of Island Yacht Club and Past Commodore of Pacific Inter Club Yacht Association (PICYA) of Northern California. She is also a well known racer and her husband Dan is a known racer and boat designer.

In April District 14 sponsored for Opening Day in South San Francisco Bay which Lynette headed up. District 14 members sailed down to the South Bay on Franklin D Roosevelt's yacht Potomac to be judges at the decorated boat parade.

District 15

Woody Wood District Director

District 15 starts every year with the much heralded Yacht Club Management Seminar in late January. The 2006 version was well attended and many attendees were second and third time participants. Each year there are more subjects covered and details added to this body of information. The legal, financial, environmental, and protocol information put forth in this seminar has proven to be very useful to members of the Board and managers of any size yacht club.

We were honored to host the Blue Gavel Winter Regional Meeting on February 3-5, 2006. The National Executive Committee and District Directors from around the country met at Mission Bay Yacht Club for the Regional Meeting. Most of the out of town guests stayed at The Dana in Mission Bay and they all said they were very pleased with the accommodations. Local Blue Gavel members donated their time, fuel and boats to host sightseeing tours of both Mission Bay and San Diego Bay. Many thanks to all those involved.



District 19
Phil Promessi, Alternate Dist. Director

District 19 held its first Board Meeting in January, at the Point Restaurant in Rio Vista, CA. Items discussed were the agenda for the year, charity donations, and the Annual Meeting at Long Beach.

The Change of Watch dinner dance was held at the Pittsburg Yacht Club in October 2005. New officers for IOBG and IOBGA were elected.

At the Board Meeting, President Bob Knobloch announced that the February meeting is to be held at the Pittsburg Yacht Club. Some members questioned going to PYC because the Change of Watch was held there. It was decided that PYC was the most logical, because it had the facilities to accommodate a large group and it is located in a central location. This is the first General Meeting of the year when all the new Past Commodores are inducted into IOBG.

District 19 and Marina West Yacht Club have made a generous donation for the Annual Meeting. Putting on a function of this caliber is cost intensive and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Plans are moving ahead for President Elect Carol Promessi's convention on the Queen Mary. They are accepting reservations. The board announced that the Member Appreciation BBQ would be held at Delta Marina. They plan on having a 50-50 raffle, and any income that is collected will go to support the convention.

It is my sad duty to report that P/C Roy Adger passed away on February 25th. Roy was the District 19 Director for 2006. He was very enthusiastic about the coming year and indicated his plans to make District 19 the continued success it has always been. He was well liked in his community and accomplished many projects for the city of Palo Alto. He will be missed. As the Alternate Director I have been chosen to fill his shoes, and they are big shoes to fill. I will do my best.

District 19 held a cruise-out and meeting at Village West YC on the weekend of May 5th. Carol and I were not able to attend because we traveled to Seattle, Washington for their opening day. Seattle YC did a yeoman job with the ceremonies and providing lunches and dinners. There were over 500 boats in the parade.

The Membership Appreciation BBQ has been changed to July 24, at the Discovery Bay YC.

A large group from IOBG attended the Spring Regional meeting in Portland and witnessed President Elect Carol Promessi get knighted at the Portland Rose Festival. She is now known in the Mythical Land of Rosaria as Dame Carol of the Rose "Touch of Class".

Invitations and order forms for the Annual Meeting on the Queen Mary will be sent out. Don't forget to send in your prepaid reservations. If you have any questions please call me at 925-427-6250

I am looking forward to the Summer Meeting in Baltimore.





District News

Southeastern

Districts 8 & 18

Ray Thompson
Southeastern Vice President

District 8 held a spring general membership meeting April 21-23, 2006. The meeting was hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club who, for their first effort, did an excellent job. It appears they will be a strong active addition to District 8.

Eleven yacht clubs were represented plus an IOBG member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club who requested an application to transfer from District 50 to District 8.

Cape Coral Cruise Club which had dropped out has now rejoined with its seven members. Including these members, Treasurer Ron Richards, shows membership to be 523.

Another club, Mobile Bay Yacht Club, has submitted an application to transfer into District 8. This application will be given serious consideration and possible acceptance because Mobile Bay YC seriously wants to join and become part of an active District.

Hopefully, they realize that such a transfer will receive much dedication and effort as attending some District 8 meetings might necessitate a 1400-1500 mile round trip.

The Florida pan handle might be the ideal area to establish a sub-group of chapters. Such a group might enjoy the best of two worlds. A smaller area communication advantage along with the organization and publication advantage of the District itself. Though much meeting time was devoted to the District 8 distance vs. attendance problem, it was tabled.

Schedule for the balance of the year is Old Port YC (August 4-5) and Charlotte Harbor YC (October 14-15).

Palm Coast YC IOBG chapter's model program is doing well. The 2nd Annual "Hammer Ball" raised \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanities. The "Walk for the Animals" raised \$965 for SPCA. Coming up next is the Childrens Home Boat Ride and Picnic.

District 18 - Central Office is handling dues notices. No further report...



Over the Horizon...

The IOBG/IOBGA and the Humanitarian Foundation has lost a two of its founding people who devoted many waking hours to the organization they loved.



Norm J. Gallagher, age 78, passed away on December 14, 2005 in Naples, Florida. Many of you saw him last October at the Florida Convention. He was there because that is where he wanted to be. Normie came from Cleveland, OH and was a firefighter until 1983. He was a member of the American Legion Firefighters Post No. 339, VFW Mentor Post NO 9295, Past Commander of the Chagrin River Yacht Club and Captains Yacht Club (TCYC), First President of District 7 IOBG and Past International President. His accomplishments go on as Vice President of Fire Fighters Local 93, ILYA member, Greater Cleveland Boating Association and not to forget Chairman of the Board of the IOBG Humanitarian Fund. Normie left behind his wife of 56 years, Mary, 4 children and many grandchildren.

Willa Wade, Past International IOBGA President was laid to rest on Jan 9, 2006. Willa and her husband, Adell (deceased) were one of the founding couples of Inter-City Yacht Club and Auxiliary. She served as Treasurer and President of District 7 Auxiliary and later Executive Secretary to the International as well. Willa retired as Head Nurse of Pediatric in 1987 from Mt Sinai Hospital. She was a member of the ETA Phi Beta Sorority, Gamma Chapter and an active member of the Central Bible Baptist Church until she moved to California to live with her son, Terence.



Consider the passing of these two individuals and consider what they have done. Consider the loss to their loved ones. And before you go to sleep tonight, hug your loved ones and thank the one you pray to that you CAN hug them and keep them close. And say a prayer for those who are no longer with us.

By Pat Graven

President-Elect IOBGA, North Central Vice President IOBGHF

1955 - 2005 I.O.B.G. Past Presidents

2005	Art Theobald Sandy Beach Yacht Club	1988*	George Cooper Lighthouse Point Yacht Club	1967*	Ken Wise Edmonds Yacht Club
2004	Larry Foote San Joaquin Yacht Club	1987	Dr. Burton Jay Southwestern Yacht Club	1966	Randy Rockhill Rainier Yacht Club
2003	Art Garside Elba Mar Boat Club	1986*	Ernie R. Villaire Wyandotte Yacht Club	1965*	Sam Crawford Olympic Yacht Club
2002	Marion Hughes Clover Island Yacht Club	1985*	Walter Bertram Hayden Island Yacht Club	1964*	Story Birdseye Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club
2001*	Robert Miller San Joaquin Yacht Club	1984*	James Topping Naples Sailing Yacht Club	1963*	Dr. Ed Chase Everett Yacht Club
2000	Louis A. Key, Jr. Chagrin River Yacht Club	1983*	E. Carl Schiewe Columbia River Yacht Club	1962*	Leroy Strasser Totem Yacht Club
1999*	Frank Valdes Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1982	Belding H. McCurdy Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1961*	Frank Metz Queen City Yacht Club
1998	Ted Kendrick San Joaquin Yacht Club	1981*	Everett E. Weil Portland Yacht Club	1960*	H.E. Richmond Seattle Yacht Club
1997	Phil Arms Navy Yacht Club San Diego	1980*	Fred Roth Cleveland Yacht Club	1959*	Harold Fowler Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club
1996	Ira Nies Columbia River Yacht Club	1979*	Willis Angel Bremerton Yacht Club	1958*	Richard McCann Queen City Yacht Club
1995	Rolf R. Tinge The Captains Yacht Club	1978*	Leonard St. Lewis Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1957	Harry Gundlach Bremerton Yacht Club
1994	Dr. Richard Disraeli Southwestern Yacht Club	1975-77*	Wesley W. Ortnor Portland Yacht Club	1956*	Art Russel Seattle Yacht Club
1993*	Norman Gallagher Chagrin Yacht Club	1974*	G. Dudley Henderson Salem Yacht Club	1955*	Ev G. Henry – Founder of IOBG Rainier Yacht Club
1992*	Wesley Holtzhauser Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club	1972-73*	Raymond Hash		
1991	Evertt Roberts Columbia River Yacht Club	1971*	Ed Haecker Hayden Island Yacht Club		*Deceased
1990*	Thomas R. Elmer Tonawanda Island Launch Club	1970*	Bruce Calhoun Elks Yacht Club		
1989*	Norval "Cav" Cavett Hawaii Yacht Club	1969*	Robert McDermaid West Vancouver Yacht Club		
		1968*	Charles McCurdy Des Moines Yacht Club		

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with our Bylaws, to all members, that the Nominating Committee for the Annual Meeting and Convention, which will be held in Long Beach, CA in October, 2006, is comprised of the Junior Past President, Art Theobald, Chairperson, President Harvey Sussel and President Elect Carol Promessi.

The Nominating Committee will consider nominations sent to each member of the committee by any IOBG member in good standing, who wishes to be considered for an elected office. Any person wishing consideration for an elected office is required to submit his or her request in writing to each member of this committee.

Final selections will be submitted at the Summer Regional Meeting in Abingdon, Md. and will also be printed in the August/September issue of The Log.

Carol Promessi
President Elect



Submitted by:
Earl Waesche, Legislative Director

I attended the GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) Task Force meeting on 5 January 2006. It was held at the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) headquarters in Arlington VA. A good representation from industry, Government and user groups were in attendance. When the minutes are available I will forward them to all. In the interim a couple of highlights are as follows:

The USCG reported that the advanced search and rescue communication command and control system, called Rescue 21, had achieved Initial Operational Capability in Atlantic City, NJ and Eastern Shore, VA. The system was officially accepted on 20 Dec 2005 with a ceremony conducted at the USCG Air Station, Atlantic City NJ. The system implements the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature on our VHF radios. It was stated that a transmitter two meters in height, with a one watt signal can be detected from 20 miles.

Next to be commissioned are St Petersburg, Mobile, Seattle and Port Angeles WA in 2006, all coastal areas (East, West and Gulf) by 2009 and all other areas, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, etc by 2011. Total program cost is \$700M plus.

A video is available entitled "Taking the Search out of Search & Rescue." Check the website www.shipboardvideoexpress.com. A new GMDSS handbook is also available from the USPS.

Coincidentally, Hawaii has passed a law requiring boats to have a VHF radio when traveling greater than one mile off-shore. (A good law) Discussion ensued over whether to make this a Federal requirement. BSAC and others, possibly NASBLA, recommended the requirement also include an EPIRB. A subcommittee was formed (including NBF) to look into this and make a recommendation.



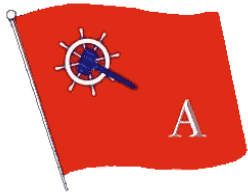
Front Row from left:

Treasurer Bill Heider, Vice President Phil Arms, President Marlene Barrington, Secretary Tom Dogan.

Back Row from left:

Directors Penney Orth, Everette Tucker, Dave Kutz, Earl Waesche, Fred Poppe and Robert David.

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OFFICERS & BOARD



International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary

From the President *by Jackie Evans Rudd*



The Rosarians went all out to make us feel welcome in Portland. They made sure everyone was kept busy with a Hospitality Room, Silent Auction, Royal Rosarian Knighting Ceremony, Queens' Garden Party, Grand Floral Ball, Coronation of the Queen, Grand Floral Parade, Have Dinner with a Royal Rosarian and a Rock-N-Roll Party, not to mention the Farewell Breakfast on Sunday. As you can see it was a busy time, and even with all this activity going on, we still made time to go shopping. IOBG President Elect Carol Promessi was knighted with the rose "Touch of Class" which we all thought was quite fitting.

The Auxiliary meeting was informal with topics for discussion and a productive outcome. One issue was the ties/scarves. The By-Laws do not address the attire/uniform but the IOBGA Operations Manual mentions a tie but not what kind. After a great deal of discussion and thought a motion was made and passed to keep the scarves we have as part of the uniform. However it will be up to the individual to choose either the scarves or the traditional black cross over tie. One of the scarves will be delivered to Commodore Insignia to see if they can reproduce them with the embroidery IOBGA burgee. We hope these will be available at the August meeting.

Another hot topic that came up was communications. This seems to be an on going issue. It's been recommended to devise a report, similar to the main body's report for their district directors and send it out with a letter of explanation to the different districts. Be on the look out, we will be sending it out soon and would like to receive it back before the August meeting.

The board has made a suggested to make a by law change, this can not be done without your input and vote at the annual meeting. The By Law in question is Article VI Officers 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, a President Elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and the Senior Past President.

Change:

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, a President Elect, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President (optional) a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and the Senior Past President.

From the President Cont'

This would also change the duties of the Vice President which is #6.

The duties of the Vice President shall be:

To assist the President or President Elect in their duties and

To preside over the meetings in their absence and

The Vice President shall act as a liaison to the Regional Directors and the IOBG Supply Officer.

The Change to read:

The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be:

To assist the President or President Elect in their duties and

To preside over the meetings in their absence and

A. 1st Vice President shall act as a liaison to the Regional Directors East of the Mississippi (If only one Vice President then both East & West)

B. 2nd Vice President shall act as a liaison to the Regional Directors West of the Mississippi

C. One or both Vice President (s) shall act as a liaison to the IOBG Supply Officer.

By having two Vice President positions and the new reports that are being implemented, dividing the job descriptions will insure a better communication with the districts.

Of course this cannot be done without you, you need to volunteer and help this organization to grow. You are a member who has the skills, and this is a truly wonderful opportunity to put your skills and ideas to work. Volunteer to run for an office with the International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary. I guarantee you will meet new friends, have a great time and have the guidance from all the Past Officers.



PAST PRESIDENTS	
1991	Rose Prell
1992-93	Mary Gallagher
1994-95	Pat Cleland
1996	Leona Nies
1997	Jerry Key
1998	Judy Miller
1999*	Wila Wade
2000	Gerva Hughes
2001	Carol Foote
2002	Shirley Willing
2003-04	Carol Garside
2005	Hope McLeod

I hope that the members are enjoying receiving the laminated cards this year. Just a reminder that if you have not paid your yearly dues, please consider renewing at this time. Also, sometimes, it is difficult to read names that are not typewritten....so if I "goof" and misspell you name, just e-mail me at rjaniszewski@msn.com and let me know, and I will send out a new card to you.

The IOBGA has voted to send a donation to the Humanitarian Foundation in honor of Willa Wade, Past IOBGA President. Again, we offer our condolences to her family. The Auxiliary also made a donation to the Gulf Yachting Association Foundation. I quote from their thank you letter "The GYA wishes to thank you and the members of the IOBG Auxiliary for your recent donation to assist in the rebuilding of the badly beaten junior sailing programs of the GYA yacht clubs along the Gulf Coast. As the time has passed since Hurricane Katrina, we have begun the arduous task of assessing damages and evaluating our rebuilding needs. The Auxiliary's donation will help us with our recovery. Again, we thank you for your generous support. We hope to see some of you at our clubs in the future. Ron Richards, President; GYA Foundation" It is a "feel good" situation when our organization can help their fellow boaters.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of District 15 who worked diligently to make their guests feel at home in the San Diego area. Thank you for an enjoyable stay, your tireless hours of shuttling us, the delicious dinner, the boat tours, and most of all for your hospitality. It was our pleasure to get to meet you.

Pat Janiszewski, IOBGA Treasurer

District 1

Rita Rollins, District President

We have really been having FUN. My husband, Ken and I, along with Jerry and Jackie Rudd, were invited to the Spokane Yacht Club Commodore's Ball. It was held in beautiful Post Falls, Idaho on January 14, 2006. It was an historic event. In the club's 50 years, this was the inauguration of their first female Commodore, "Commodore Colae Deaton." She and her first mate are lovely people.

Secretary, Betty Hinckley joined forces with her yacht club, Clover Island, to put on a "Texas Hold Em" Tournament on March 11. Part of the proceeds will go to IOBGAHF "Race for the Stars."



The Saturday before our spring meeting was our third annual "Race for the Stars." The Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma hosted the sailboat race and provided the use of their deck at Tyee Marina Dock II. Our Auxiliary hosted the barbecue and raffle and auction fundraiser. The \$3,600 raised will go to the IOBGHF to benefit "Make a Wish" and "Wishing Star" foundations.

District 3

Gen Dobmeier, District President

As we began 2006, we are busy planning our activities for the year. Our officers have been elected as follows: Gen Dobmeier, President; Kathy Connelly, Vice President; Kathy Schafer, Treasurer; and Betty Olmsted, Secretary. At present we have 53 members and are actively pursuing others to join our organization.

Last year, we raised \$300 for the Excalibur Leisure Skills Center which is an organization that provides boating and fishing opportunities for the disabled and disadvantaged. We hope to be able to double or better our donations to this worthy cause this year.

We had many suggestions for our summer activities and a dinner cruise on the Niagara River seems to have won the vote. Sometime in April, exact time and date to be decided, we will have a joint meeting with the IOBG.

District 15

Audrey Hall, District President

What an exciting year for District 15 Auxiliary! San Diego had restaurant week in January and we were able to get quite a few of our group together to have dinner at one of San Diego's finest—Mille Fleur. Needless to say, it was a very nice evening spent with friends.

We inducted our new members the same time as IOBG at Mission Bay Yacht Club during the Regional Meeting. Thanks to the President of the IOBGA, Jackie Rudd, for administering the induction of our welcomed new members. It was a fun-filled weekend in San Diego and we hope that our visitors will come again soon to visit.

Unfortunately plans for our first fun event were cancelled due to high costs. We are in the process of working on a great luncheon followed by a wine tasting in a charming winery. Information will be on the IOBGA web site as soon as details are ready.



District 26

Penny Thompson, District President

We have been fortunate, the Mt. Sinai Yacht Club (Long Island, New York) has recently formed an Auxiliary. They met and elected their officers as follows: Penny Thompson, President; Gail Schaeffer, Vice President; Cathy Prwivo, Treasurer, and Chris Swett, Secretary. The Auxiliary had a successful clothing drive for Hope House during the month of December.

On May 21, the Mt. Sinai Blue Gavel Auxiliary held a Fashion Show and Luncheon with the proceeds going towards sending packages to our local troops in Iraq. Over 90 people attended the 3 hour show and we received rave reviews. Thanks to our sponsors, the people attending, and the hard work of all our members, we were able to raise over \$2,100.



Each member was asked to visit local restaurants and businesses and ask for donations. As a result, we were able to raffle off gift certificates to dinner, foursomes of golf, theater tickets, paintings, baskets of cheer, manicures, etc. One of our members offered a "sunset dinner cruise" aboard their boat. The raffle alone raised over \$1,300.

The clothes that were modeled were loaned to us by Dress Barn and the manager was more than helpful. As a matter of fact, she enjoyed herself so much, she asked if we could have a Fall Show also. The photo is of the members modeling their evening wear.

We are now in the process of purchasing items and taking the packages out to Army Reserve in Shoreham to be shipped overseas. As in the prior packages we sent, we enclose a generic letter asking if any of the troops receiving these packages would like to "hear from home" or "receive care packages". We have already heard back from two troops who have been assigned Blue Gavel Auxiliary "pen pals" and "caregivers" who send them packages and write them letters. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that we are doing something for our troops who are sacrificing so much for us. God bless our troops and keep them safe.



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IOBGHF launched a program to provide special recognition to contributors who donate \$100 or more. Each contributor will be awarded a distinctive "action for life" pin which signifies their status as a patron of the foundation.

From the President ...George Demos

As you know by now, our esteemed leader, Chairman of the Board and Past President of IOBG Norm Gallagher has finally been called by the "Commodore of the Universe".

Needless to say, we saw it coming at Palm Beach, but it was still a shock. Norm was one of the most esteemed and lovable people I have ever known, and he also loved the Humanitarian Foundation.

Thus, we were hoping that as a Board we would send our donations (whatever you wish to give) in honor of Norm to be a special fund in the H.F. This will be determined at our February meeting as to its use.

It would be a very nice gesture to a man who brought so much to our Foundation.



Norm Gallagher



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Congratulations to President George Demos for his recent award, Distinguished Member of the Regiment, 159th Infantry, bestowed upon him from the Secretary of the Army of the United States of America and The Institute of Military Honors. This award was created to recognize achievements after military service. It was his dedication to advanced education, leadership in numerous community services and veteran organizations that nominated him for this honor.

Again, Congratulations and thank you for all your efforts and dedication to IOBG and IOBGHF

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